

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 168

By Ragan

A RESOLUTION to recognize Gerald Boyd on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Gerald Boyd is one such estimable person who has served with distinction for eight years as the manager of the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge Office; and

WHEREAS, he will be taking a much deserved retirement on April 3, 2011, after twenty-eight years of federal service; and

WHEREAS, a native of Middle Tennessee, Gerald Boyd earned a bachelor's degree in biology and chemistry from the University of Mississippi and a master's degree in education and administration from Florida State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd first joined the Oak Ridge Office in March of 2002, serving as the assistant manager for Environmental Management, and he became manager of the Oak Ridge Office in January of 2003; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Oak Ridge Office, Gerald Boyd has made many contributions which have enabled Oak Ridge to assert itself as a world-leading scientific community. Among these contributions are the designation of the Oak Ridge site as the home of the National Center for Computational Sciences, the construction of the Spallation Neutron Source and the Science and Technology Park at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, and the extensive cleanup efforts undertaken at the Oak Ridge Reservation, efforts which include the uranium enrichment cleanup of the East Tennessee Technology Park and the removal of

Manhattan and Cold War-era facilities to allow for the expansion and development of new scientific initiatives; and

WHEREAS, in all, Gerald Boyd has administered more than \$2 billion in annual federal investments in science, environmental cleanup, nuclear energy, and national security programs while serving as the manager of the Oak Ridge Office, and he has fulfilled his responsibilities with acumen and alacrity; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the Oak Ridge Office, Gerald Boyd served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Science and Technology in the Office of Environmental Management of the Department of Energy; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Boyd has been recognized several times for his contributions, including two Presidential Rank Awards given for his advancement of environmental science and technology at the Department of Energy, a Meritorious Service Award granted for his contributions to emergency management at the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and inclusion in *Who's Who in Public Service*; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Boyd exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Gerald Boyd has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we extend to Gerald Boyd our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.